

Immunizations Administration Medicaid Payment Guidelines

Vermont's Health Screening Recommendations for Children & Adolescents (EPDST Periodicity Schedule) requires that all children be immunized according to recommendations published semiannually by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP). Preferably, immunizations should be provided within the context of a routine EPDST health supervision visit.

Effective February 1, 2004, Medicaid will reimburse providers for the administration of each immunization provided during any outpatient visit in addition to a fee for any vaccine or toxoid that has not been provided free to the practice. These fees can be billed in addition to charges for a routine Health Supervision ("Preventive Medicine") visit (CPT Codes 99380's and 99390's) or for another E&M visit (CPT Codes 99201-5 and 99211-5).

The administration of immunizations should be billed using the following codes:

Code	Description of Services
CPT Code 90471	The first immunization given during a visit
CPT Code 90472	Each additional immunization given during the same visit

To indicate which immunization was given, providers should use the appropriate CPT code (CPT Codes 90476-90749) for each one provided. If a vaccine has been provided free of charge to the practice, such as those supplied by the Vermont Department of Health, providers should report the charge as \$0.00 to indicate that no fee is expected. The use of a "52" modifier will no longer be accepted. If the vaccine has not been provided free of charge, the provider should bill the appropriate CPT code and the associated charge.

Questions about this billing policy should be directed to Provider Services at EDS, 800-925-1706 or in Chittenden County 878-7871. For questions about immunization recommendations, call the Vermont Department of Health's Immunization Program at 800-464-4343, extension 7638.